

PUBLIC COMMENTS (PC)-L

PC-L1

From: Diana Lanham [nannerham@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2013 4:07 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: Re: I-405 Supplemental Documents

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the expansion of the 405 freeway. The solution to our problem of congestion would be to start working on public transportation. It is absolutely ludicrous to think that adding another lane to an already over crowded highway will solve any problem.

Thank you, Diana Lanham

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August 10, 2013

Ms. Smita Deshpande
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Attn: 405 SDEIR-DEIS Comment Period

Dear Ms. Deshpande:

I reside in the community of College Park East in the City of Seal Beach. My family and I live on the corner of Almond Avenue and Oleander Street – across from Almond Park. I have attended several community meetings regarding the 405 freeway improvement project, but I have never been given the opportunity to speak publicly. I have several concerns I would like to voice which have not been addressed in any of the public meetings of which I am aware.

My first concern is regarding the footprint of the freeway expansion as it passes by College Park East. The government owns hundreds of acres of land on the south side of the freeway. This land is currently used for growing crops such as cabbage. During harvest time, there are literally dozens of civilian farm workers tending the fields. I have been told the absurd story that the freeway cannot be expanded to the South because of “blast patterns” for the stored munitions. This is not to be believed because there are dozens of farm workers scattered throughout the fields hundreds of yards south of the freeway. All of College Parks East’s concerns could be solved by simply moving the projected freeway’s expansion fifteen feet into the cabbage fields. To date, I am not aware of any public official making formal requests to use this option. I have not seen any letters directed to our Senators or Congressmen or to the military.

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My second concern is the proposed removal of the existing sound wall that lines the north side of the freeway as it passes by College Park East. Removal of this sound wall will **significantly diminish** the quality of life for many residents in our community. The Orange County Vector Control Agency has already had an increase of 40% in the amount of service calls since freeway construction began. Disruption of the existing habitat has forced rats, mice, raccoons, etc, into our neighborhood. Removal of the sound wall, even temporally, would only exacerbate this issue. The sound wall also provides noise, pollution, and intruder protection for our community. There is also the element of financial frugality. The project could save millions of dollars in demolition and reconstruction fees by leaving the sound wall in place. This is not to mention the potential loss in property values for many residents because their houses are even closer to a major freeway.

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My last point of concern is the lack of planning and cooperation with Los Angeles County. Expanding a freeway as it passes through one county, and then leaving the freeway in tact as it passes through the adjacent county is a recipe for disaster. This lack of cooperation with the adjacent county has the high probability of making traffic matters worse by creating a bottleneck.

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I should note that I am not the only person who shares the above mentioned issues. I am a past President of the College Park Ease Neighborhood Association, and I have had many people contact me and discuss their concerns with the freeway expansion project. It seems to many of us that our concerns were not addressed in any of the proposals for the project. I welcome your comments to any of the issues that I have raised. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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PC-L3

From: Michelle Larsson [mlarsson@circleporsche.com]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 5:18 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: Re: I-405 Supplemental Documents

As a Huntington Beach resident for over 30 years, I understand the need for traffic flow, but object to paying for improving a FREEWAY that will cater to commuters who work in LA. The improvements that OCTA are proposing will end at the county line, which will remain a bottleneck. We have lived through this construction long enough. Let the freeway be free to drive for all. The HOV lanes are a joke! Our tax dollars pay for tax incentives to single drivers to commute in electric vehicles & use other loopholes that don't apply to us, the normal Joe Blow TAX PAYERS. These lanes were supposed to be for CARPOOLS (more than one person) to ease congestion for the entire freeway. Synchronize the lights on Pacific Coast Highway while you are at it! Thanks for listening.

Michelle Larsson
I also vote in every election!

PC-L4

From: J L [jlaw144@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 3:20 PM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: FWY Expansion Project and CPE Soundwall

Ms. Smita Deshpande or To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not keep bringing up this subject over and over again. We NEVER voted for more than one lane in each direction nor did we vote for moving the Soundwall. PLEASE stop making things so difficult on us. STOP!! Pushing your plans which would devastate our community. Please do not touch our Almond soundwall and leave the FWY between the 605 and the 22 alone....one lane in each direction is enough!

Thank you,
Jenea Lawley
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SB, 90740

PC-L5

RE STOP THE 405 FREEWAY SOUND WALL REMOVAL IN SEAL BEACH

TO Governor Brown, Seal Beach City Council, Smita Deshpande, Cal Trans, OCTA, Profiting Entities,

My name is L. Le Cou, I am writing to protest the profound effects the constantly changing and newest plans for the 405 widening project will have on the already beleaguered College Park East community in Seal Beach CA. I own a home immediately on the Almond avenue running by the freeway 20 foot high sound wall. My family will be severely affected in regards to health and finances by this newest design for the freeway widening project.

Measure M was voted on and passed by the public. Its intent to add one lane each way to the 405 freeway system. A DOABLE SACRIFICE BY THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE THE FREEWAY SOUND WALL WAS TO BE LEFT UNTOUCHED!. Caltrans, OCTA and the designing entities have radically altered the construction plans leaving our community without a voice or VOTE. The plans that cal trans, the planners, state of ca and the city have developed now, will have devastating effects on our lives, health and fragile financial statuses. Our homes are already feeling the financial losses with just the planning stages.

As it stands two new lanes in each direction are being presented as the new plans. Possible toll roads have been also presented. We have been told that the freeway sound wall is again being removed and will take away part of our existing roadway on Almond avenue. Narrowing this road and depleting our parking and bringing the freeway that much closer to our homes. We are too expect the wall to not be replaced IN ANY SPECIFIC TIME FRAME. The replacement wall will not be the same height as current standard height will shorten it by two feet. UNACCEPTABLE!

NEXT MAJOR PROBLEM . NOISE. We are already sleepless by the nearby pounding, beeping, crashing, rattling, loud voices, vibrations of the construction taking place . We are already experiencing cracking in our walls of our home. Now imagine this happening with out a sound wall and right on our immediate door steps. I am a critical care registered nurse working 12 hour shifts in a busy trauma unit. I cannot do my job without sleep. The noise factor without the freeway sound wall will not be livable. Sleep deprivation will play a heavy cost in my families life. We need that sound wall to stay where it is and Cal Trans and the state of CA need to sound proof the homes immediately next to the wall with double paned sound proof windows. We certainly can't bear the cost of lost hours on the job or replacing windows to mitigate noise.

Issue regarding our health besides sleep deprivation. The soot, dirt, airborne dust will exponentially increase during construction. Also, as the added lanes to nowhere at the LA county line bring congestion air pollution from idling stopped cars will increase smog. What do we do to protect our lungs? Just on my street we have lost 3 people to early death from cancer and asthma. AND AS WE ALL KNOW LACK OF SLEEP DOES NOT MAKE US NICER PEOPLE OR DRIVERS OR PARENTS, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, LOVERS OR ANY OTHER THING!

Did I mention loss of usable property being our homes will become unlivable with the wall down. Cracking of the walls etcetera. Loss of home prices due to undesirable

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RE STOP THE 405 FREEWAY SOUND WALL REMOVAL IN SEAL BEACH

location to the construction.

What about our lungs? Look at our cars and the dirt caking them just because of the current freeway construction. What about the additional expense to keep our cars passably clean?

Really, what about our lungs?

Gridlock, no the four new lanes to no where are not going to help me get home, they will delay that. Toll lanes? now really do I have to pay now to get home and do I really have to sit in traffic while they sit empty for the most part? Generating revenue at my expense is really below the belt. Studies have shown these toll roads do not generate enough to pay the cost of building them also they are underutilized. I should be able to VOTE on all these new plans!

What about the businesses that will be bypassed if toll roads are placed. WHAT DOES THE EIR/EIS study say about that? NOT THAT I REALLY CARE. The city over built seal beach bvd against most of our wishes and failed to fix the Seal Beach bridge for the added traffic congestion that RESULTED. Timing how long ambulances take with sirens on seal beach blvd breaks my nurses heart. College park East residents have to cope with those changes brought to our lives. This is an excellent example of how EIR/ EIS STUDIES ARE NEVER CORRECT AND SKEWED TO ACCOMPLISH DESIRED OUTCOMES TO GET PROJECTS APPROVED!

I may not have correlated my response to the EIR/EIS in a systematic fashion but come on folks im a mother and a nurse, not a engineer or lawyer... ! The community that I live in is tired of the constant noise, dirt, horrifying traffic, gridlock and bad manners displayed by the drivers in this area. We have been asked to deal with too much with out any help and it looks like we have no choice on how long this will go on or how bad it will be. Where has Cal Trans been to mitigate the traffic and gridlock. We sit in traffic unable to go on a green light because the intersections are constantly blocked Where has traffic control been during this unending freeway and bridge construction.

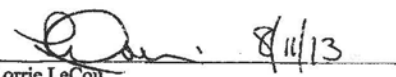
DO NOT TAKE THE SOUND WALL DOWN PLEEEEEESE!!!!!! AND FIX THAT BRIDGE TRAFFIC PROBLEM!

In conclusion, what are the plans to compensate our losses, health , sleep deprivation , real-estate losses, noise and air pollution. What real study shows how our safety , health and finances will be maintained.

We have been told the wall is coming down and the construction is going to happen. We have no voice in this process the meetings are just lip service! AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS? WHERE IS MY VOTE? THIS IS NOT THE MEASURE M WE VOTED ON!

Please help us!

Sincerely,


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PC-L6

From: Carl Levine [carlevine@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 7:58 AM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: Re: I-405 Supplemental Documents - formal comment

Regarding the proposed 405 Expansion project specifically for the northbound side exits at Ellis, Brookhurst and Magnolia Ave.

We wish to be included in the group opposed to any braided aboveground on/off ramp in this area.

We believe that although the extensive studies completed certainly do cover a variety of topics, most related to traffic and commerce flow in the area, the basic quality of life appears to have been neglected. We live at 9356 Daisy Ave. purchasing our home in 1992. At the time the noise level from the freeway heard at our house was noticeable. Over the years as traffic increased so has the noise level. We can expect the noise level to increase.

It is our understanding that the proposed braided expansions will not include any additional noise suppression that would significantly cut what is to be an expected increase in noise above the tree and current building height. In addition the aboveground braided on/off ramps would decrease the privacy long expected in Fountain Valley, known as a "Nice Place to Live, Work and Play". Resident's homes would be exposed for view by traffic overhead. The neighborhood would most likely be subjected to an increase in dust and debris as a result of traffic flow and turbulence created by the overhead ramp settling on the neighborhood below. The braided on/off ramps will change the feeling of the community losing the highly sought after local community atmosphere. If the expansion was to include the braided overhead ramps it is likely property values will be negatively impacted in the area of the aboveground ramps, and beyond because of the practice of using "comp" values to price a home for sale.

It appears there have been public meetings to discuss this matter but my family never received adequate notice allowing us to participate. The supplemental draft was only approved on 6/20/2013. When notified we did attend the meeting years ago when this project was first brought to the community. The meeting included a variety of models and examples of what to expect. We believe there are many residents that have not been made fully aware of the entire impact and notified of an opportunity to speak out. We were notified by a neighbor with in the last several days.

Once again please consider our household opposed to the option of elevated braided on/off ramps in the vicinity of Ellis, Brookhurst and Magnolia Avenues.

Cordially,

Carl & Elena Levine
9356 Daisy Ave.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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6/22/12

To Whom it May Concern,

We the Loney's (John & Van) resident of College Park trust - do not wish to have the sound wall move as it will affect the quality of life and the home impact which we would feel.

Thank you

Van Loney
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PC-L8

From: Jeremy Lounsbury [alounsbury888@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 6:32 AM
To: Parsons, 405 Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
Subject: No Toll Road from Rossmoor Resident

To Whom it May Concern,

As a longtime resident of Rossmoor I want to voice my displeasure this is yet again on the table. I am wholeheartedly against a toll road on the 405.

Amy Lounsbury

PC-L9

From: lunde@colligated.com
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Cc: lunde@colligated.com
Subject: No Toll Lanes

Residents and auto drivers have strongly recommended: NO TOLL LANES for "freeway" expansions to the 405 and/or the 605

Yours Truly,
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PC-L10

-----Original Message-----

From: David R. Lyon [<mailto:drlyon4u@verizon.net>]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 4:06 PM
To: Christina Byrne
Subject: Re: EIR/EIS Comments

I am in favor of adding two additional lanes on both the Southbound and Northbound sides of I-405 because I believe is a more cost effective and longer-lasting solution to traffic congestion on the designated section of the freeway. However, I am very much OPPOSED to any proposal that would include toll lanes.

David Lyon
Seal Beach

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From: David R. Lyon [drlyon4u@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 4:08 PM
To: Parsons, 405.Supplemental.Draft.EIR.EIS
Subject: Re: I-405 Supplemental Documents

NO to toll lanes in this project.

David Lyon
Seal Beach

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (PC)-L

Response to Comment Letter PC-L1

Comment PC-L1-1

Caltrans and OCTA thank you for participating in the environmental process for the I-405 Improvement Project. Your comment is not specific to the new information and analysis presented within the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS; however, your comments were addressed in Appendix R1 (Response to Comments on Draft EIR/EIS). You will be notified at the address provided in your comment when the Final EIR/EIS is available for review.

Please see Common Responses – Elimination of Light-Rail Transit and Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L2

Comment PC-L2-1

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Please see Common Response – Shifting Improvements away from Residential Properties onto NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach Property.

Comment PC-L2-2

Please see Common Response – Almond Avenue Soundwall.

Comment PC-L2-3

Please see Common Response – Coordination between Caltrans Districts 7 and 12, OCTA, Los Angeles Metro, Gateway City Council of Governments, and the City of Long Beach.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L3

Comment PC-L3-1

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Appendix R1 (Response to Comments on Draft EIR/EIS). You will be notified at the address provided in your comment when the Final EIR/EIS is available for review.

Please see Common Responses – Traffic Flow at the Orange County/Los Angeles County Line, Opposition to Tolling.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L4

Comment PC-L4-1

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Please see Common Responses – Measure M, Almond Avenue Soundwall, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L5

Comment PC-L5-1

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Please see Appendix R1 (Response to Comments on Draft EIR/EIS) Response to Comments PC-L16-1 through PC-L16-9.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L6

Comment PC-L6-1

Caltrans and OCTA thank you for participating in the environmental process for the I-405 Improvement Project. Your comments on new information and analysis presented within the Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS were considered during identification of the Preferred Alternative as described in the Final EIR/EIS. You will be notified at the address provided in your comment when the Final EIR/EIS is available for review.

Notice for both availability of the Supplemental Draft EIR/S and the public hearing exceeded minimum State and Federal environmental regulatory requirements. See Response to Comment PC-D2-1.

Please also see Common Responses – Northbound Braided Ramps at the Magnolia/Warner Interchange, Insufficient Environmental Document/Mitigation Measures, Noise/Noise Analysis, Air Quality, Property Values, Noise/ Noise Analysis, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L7

Comment PC-L7-1

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Please see Common Responses – Almond Avenue Soundwall, Noise/Noise Analysis.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L8

Comment PC-L8-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L9

Comment PC-L9-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L10

Comment PC-L10-1

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Please see Common Responses – Opposition to Tolling, Preferred Alternative Identification.

Response to Comment Letter PC-L11

Comment PC-L11-1

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